

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 stand rejected. Claims 1-33 remain pending in the patent application. Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the remarks set forth below. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments herein to the patent application do not add new matter to it.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito, U.S. Patent Number 6,002,772 (hereinafter Saito). Claims 3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito in view of Herlin et al., U.S. Patent Number 5,915,021 (hereinafter Herlin). Claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito in view of Wiser et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,385,596 (hereinafter Wiser). Claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito in view of Saito, U.S. Patent Number 5,867,579 (hereinafter Saito '579). Claims 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 24, 28, 29 and 31-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito in view of Monday et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,263,377 (hereinafter Monday) in view of Rabne et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,066,332 (hereinafter Rabne). Claims 15, 18 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito, Monday and Rabne in view of Herlin. Claims 20 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito, Monday and Rabne in view of Wiser. Claims 22, 23, 26

and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito, Monday and Rabne in view of Saito '579.

CLAIM 1

Applicant respectfully asserts that Saito does not teach or suggest subject matter recited in newly amended independent Claim 1. For instance, amended Claim 1 recites in part (emphasis added):

supplying to said first client device a list of media suppliers for providing said media content after said specifying;

Applicant respectfully contends that Saito fails teach or suggest supplying the first client device a list of media suppliers for providing media content after the specifying explicitly recited in amended Claim 1. Since Saito fails to teach or suggest at least one element recited in amended Claim 1, Applicant respectfully asserts that amended Claim 1 is not rendered obvious by Saito. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent Claim 1 is allowable over Saito.

CLAIM 13

Applicant respectfully contends that Saito, Monday and Rabne, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest subject matter recited in newly amended independent Claim 13. For instance, amended Claim 13 recites in part (emphasis added):

supplying to said first client device a list of media suppliers for providing said media content after said specifying;

Applicant respectfully contends that Saito, Monday and Rabne, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest supplying the first client device a list of media suppliers for providing the media content after the specifying explicitly recited in amended Claim 13. For example, regarding Saito, the Examiner noted on page 9, paragraph 33, of the present Office Action that “Saito did not teach supplying a list of media suppliers.”

Additionally, Applicant understands Monday to teach that a “distribution application manager . . . keeps a list of available distributed applications as well as a list of servers” (see column 1, lines 51-54). However, Applicant respectfully asserts that Monday does not teach or suggest supplying the list of servers to a client device. Instead, Applicant understands Monday to teach that a “distribution application manager presents a selection screen to the user, containing a list of available distributed applications” (see column 1, lines 51-59; Abstract, lines 3-12).

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully asserts that Rabne does not teach or suggest supplying the first client device a list of media suppliers for providing the media content after the specifying explicitly recited in amended Claim 13.

Since Saito, Monday and Rabne, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest at least one element recited in amended Claim 13, Applicant respectfully asserts that amended Claim 13 is not rendered obvious by Saito, Monday and Rabne. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent Claim 13 is allowable over Saito, Monday and Rabne.

CLAIM 24

Based on rationale similar to that described above with reference to amended independent Claim 13, Applicant respectfully asserts that newly amended independent Claim 24 is not rendered obvious by Saito, Monday and Rabne, alone or in combination. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent Claim 24 is allowable over Saito, Monday and Rabne.

CONCLUSION

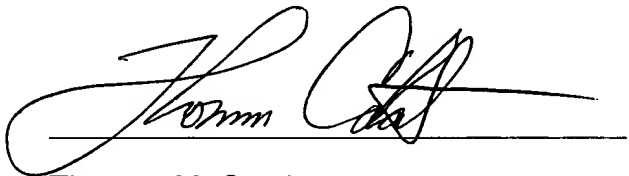
In light of the above listed remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of rejected Claims 1-33.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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